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SPREAD OF MUTINY IN RUSSIAN ARMY

Many Killed in Fight Between Dragoons and Cossacks--Artillerymen Refused to Sup- press Popular Demonstrations

(Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 1.—Special dispatches from St. Petersburg say that the cabinet have given up the idea of sending troops to the front. The government, the dispatches say, intends to adopt special measures to assure the dispatch of official messages. The Russian correspondence does not know what is happening in the interior of the empire. The strikers have started off cable communication which remains open for press and government messages, although the central office here is nominally closed. Much as the government would like to resist it is powerless. The delivery of all mail matter was stopped in St. Petersburg this morning.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1, 12:30 p.m.—The crisis continues. The telegraph tie-up throughout Russia is practically complete and the government does not know what is happening in the interior of the empire. The strikers have started off cable communication which remains open for press and government messages, although the central office here is nominally closed. Much as the government would like to resist it is powerless. The delivery of all mail matter was stopped in St. Petersburg this morning.

Cut Off From Finland.
New York, Dec. 1.—The cable companies received notice today that the delivery of messages in St. Petersburg

BIG BLAZE IN PRAIRIE CAPITAL

BUSINESS BLOCK WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED

Damages Estimated at More Than One Hundred Thousand Dollars—Several Firms Burned Out.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—The large business block on the northwest corner of Pacific avenue and Main street was completely destroyed by fire last night with an accompanying loss of more than \$100,000.

The Rideout-Gilbert Company, formerly of Rat Portage, dealers in house furnishings, were the greatest losers, as they carried one of the largest stocks of furnishings in the city. No explanation is given as to how the fire started. The loss is: Rideout-Gilbert Co., \$50,000; insurance approximately \$25,000 with the Allan, Lang, Kilham Co.; Adams & Morrison, boots and shoes, loss estimated at \$5,000, with \$5,000 insurance; Deane & Co., wholesale crockery merchants, north end store, stock estimated at \$5,000, which was well insured; T. Julius, restaurant and confectionery store, \$5,000, insured for \$2,000. The block was owned by the Misses Brown, and was a very cheaply built structure of three stories, worth about \$20,000. It was covered by insurance. The stock of the big departmental store of the Nash, Carson, Naylor Co. adjoining the burned block suffered by water and smoke. The water poured down between the walls and flooded the basement, where the reserve stock was stored. The damage was estimated at \$10,000, and was fully covered by insurance.

KUROKI'S RETURN.

Commander of Japanese Right Army Will Leave Dally on Saturday.

(Associated Press.)
Tokyo, Dec. 1.—General Baron Kuroki, who commanded the Japanese right army in Manchuria, will leave Port Dally tomorrow for Japan. The balance in favor of Japan for prisoners' expenses, is estimated at \$2,500,000. It is believed that this sum will be devoted to the development of the interests of Manchuria.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(Associated Press.)
Liverpool, Dec. 1.—Following are stocks of breadstuffs and provisions in Liverpool: Flour, 45,000 sacks; wheat, 1,270,000 cwt.; corn, 625,000 cwt.; beans, 4,000 boxes; shoulders, 1,200 boxes; butter, 6,000 cwt.; tallow, 8,000 boxes; and 1,700 tons of prime western steam and 510 tons of other kinds.

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ANOTHER RAILWAY WRECK.

Engineer and Fireman Killed—Eighteen Persons Injured.

(Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—Two men were killed and about a dozen others were injured in the wreck of the Philadelphia express on the Central-railroad of New Jersey last night near Penn Haven Junction.

No Passengers Killed.

New York, Dec. 1.—The following statement was given out at the office of the Central Railroad of New Jersey today:

"No passengers were killed in the railroad wreck near Penn Haven Junction last night. Only two persons were killed, the engineer and fireman. There were eighteen injured, of whom the most serious are a man whose thigh is broken, and a boy whose skull is fractured."

REACHES THE LIMIT.

No Bounty Will Be Paid on Lead While It Remains at Present Price.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The department of trade and commerce has received a cable from London stating that the price of lead is 2 1/2 a ton, which means that no bounty will be paid in Canada as long as the price remains at that figure.

WILL EXTEND THE INSURANCE INQUIRY

INTO AFFAIRS OF STATE DEPARTMENT

Recent Revelations Lead to Decision to Continue the Work of the Committee.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 1.—The Times today authorized for the statement that as the result of the publication of evidence in the insurance investigation charging that ex-superintendent of insurance Louis F. Payne received \$40,000 from the Mutual Reserve Life Association in connection with a report by his examiners and of other alleged facts brought out by the Armstrong committee, pointing to relations between the insurance company and state departments, the investigation now on foot will extend to that branch of the state administration.

This decision of the executive committee and counsel became known this week. It is understood that the investigation of state insurance departments will be no less vigorous than that which has been given insurance companies over which it has supervision. That superintendent of insurance Hendricks will be called to the stand in the next few weeks is now a certainty. Attaches of his department will also be called. A possible, if not probable result of this will be to extend the investigation over in 1906 by a renewal of authority to this committee with most of its members chosen from the present committee.

As Assemblyman Mackay, of Brooklyn, is the only member of the Armstrong committee who does not go back to the legislature there will be a substantial obstacle in the way of this plan.

DEMOLISHING PORTS.

(Associated Press.)

Fredriksholm, Norway, Dec. 1.—The demolition of the frontier fortifications in accordance with the treaty recently signed by Norway and Sweden is effectually progressing.

CAPTURED AFTER FIGHT.

Supposed Leader of Gang of Robbers Is Under Arrest.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Henry Hockmoe, said to be the leader of a gang of robbers who lost within the last two months has been captured, mostly stolen from freight cars in the Chicago territory, as he considers a renewal of the presidential mandate undesirable in a democratic country. The president says that his retirement will absolutely conclude his public career in any capacity.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S BIRTHDAY.

Her Majesty Is Receiving Congratulations From All Parts.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 1.—Queen Alexandra was 53 years old today and her birthday was celebrated with the usual heartiness throughout the kingdom, including artillery salutes, the ringing of church bells and a great display of flags, etc. Congratulations from all parts poured in at Sandringham, where the Queen entertains all the children of the empire at ten personally superintending the proceedings.

PRICE OF SILVER.

Quoted at 62 1/2 Cents Per Ounce, the Highest Since 1896.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Silver is now 62 1/2 cents per ounce, the highest price since 1896. Two months ago the market quotation was fifty cents. Brokers in accounting for the higher price say that, in addition to a legitimate business demand, there is also a speculative demand which must be taken into consideration.

NORTHUP DISCHARGED.

(Associated Press.)

St. John, N. B., Nov. 29.—Fred Northup, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Charles O'Rourke in a boxing match here, was released yesterday, the grand jury finding no bill.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S CHRISTMAS CARD

UNIQUE SCHEME TO ASSIST THE UNEMPLOYED

Her Majesty Will Issue Book Containing Contributions by Persons Prominent in Art and Literature.

(Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Queen Alexandra has not given up her intention in behalf of the unemployed and has sanctioned a unique plan to raise more funds. They will be in the shape of the issue of a Christmas book which will be entitled "The Queen's Xmas Card." It will consist of poems, stories, sketches, drawings and music by persons prominent in the world of art and literature of Great Britain.

Algeron Charles Swinburne, Alfred Austin, the poet laureate, Thomas Hardy, Marie Corelli, Hall Caine, Geo. Meredith, Arthur Wing Pinero, Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, Edward Abbey, Wm. Holman Hunt, Sir Edward John Poynter and Sir Edward Edgar are among those who will contribute.

The production of the book will be practically gratis. It will sell for half a crown and the proceeds will be devoted to the Queen's unemployed fund.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTS.

Returned Last Evening After a Trip Along Northern and Western Coasts.

J. F. Fraser, commissioner of lights, Ottawa, who has been making a tour of the Northern Coast and also of the West Coast of Vancouver Island, arrived last night on the steamer Queen City, and from Victoria went on to Vancouver. He will return to Victoria about Tuesday next.

Mr. Fraser was met at Quatsino by Capt. Gaudin, and it had been the intention to make a number of landings at points along the coast for which applications had been made for aids to navigation, but, owing to the very stormy weather which prevailed throughout the trip, the two-day tour was confined to the coast. As a result of his voyage, Mr. Fraser will make recommendations to the department at Ottawa, and these in time will probably be dealt with. He is fully impressed with the necessity for improvements in the lighting system for this coast.

GERMAN CASUALTIES IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA

Total Losses, Including Wounded, Number More Than Eighteen Hundred— 16,000 Men Engaged.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The Militar Wochenblatt, the army organ, publishes this morning the loss of German troops operating against the insurgents in German Southwest Africa. The total number of men in the field is given as 16,000. Of this number those who were killed or died of wounds were 85 officers, 153 non-commissioned officers, 853 privates. The total loss, including wounded, is given at 151 officers, 397 non-commissioned officers and 1,234 privates.

QUEEN CITY'S ARRIVAL.

Returned From the West Coast Last Night—No News of the Pawn.

There is not much news to relate in connection with the arrival of the steamer Queen City from West Coast ports last night. As expected, the steamer brought word of the schooner Pawn. She did not even sight the marine ghost which the schooner Maud of Orleans reported at Port Townsend on the 24th of last month as probably the Pawn being buried in Lewis and Clark's bay, a fierce strong northwester. No wreckage has been cast up on the shore and none would likely be so directed by such a wind in the locality as the vessel was supposed to have been seen by the Maud of Orleans, as Captain Townsend says a northwester in that vicinity is an off shore blow.

About thirty passengers arrived on the steamer from the West Coast. Among them were Capt. J. W. Bennett, who has been arranging for an Indian crew for his schooner, the Umbra, Capt. Haan, another sealer, J. L. Retallick, who has been inspecting properties at Quatsino; J. F. Fraser, commissioner of lights in the department of marine and fisheries, Ottawa; Capt. Gaudin, the local agent of the department; H. F. Gager, of the Happy John mill, and a party including Lt. Bills of H. M. S. Shearwater, and Messrs. Brooks and Little, who have been on a hunting expedition down the coast, who secured amongst other game three fine elk.

The steamer reports a very rough voyage. She was 24 hours in a heavy snowstorm when en route from Kyuquot to Esperanza Inlet, and encountered stormy weather throughout the trip.

Capt. Alga P. Berry committed suicide at Vancouver, Wash., by shooting himself through the heart. He was recently tried by a general court-martial at Vancouver barracks and found guilty of committing suicide as an officer and a gentleman. The order for his dismissal arrived Wednesday.

MINING REVIVES.

Wm. Blakemore, M. E., Refers to Im- proved Conditions in the Kootenays.

Wm. Blakemore, M. E., of Nelson, is in the city, a guest at the Driard. He says that the mining in the Kootenays is promising much better. There is considerable money coming from the United States to assist in the development of British Columbia properties. From the Ymir camp a steady supply of gold is being produced at such mines as the Porto Rico, Second Relief and Queen.

The erection of the big zinc smelter by C. F. Fernald at Frank, Alberta, has had the effect of reviving that branch of the industry. Referring to the Kootenay mines amalgamation scheme Mr. Blakemore is very sanguine that it will be carried out. He regards the Centre Star and War Eagle amalgamation as only the beginning of the greater scheme of W. H. Aldridge for the uniting of the St. Eugene and Centre Star, the Red, War Eagle and Centre Star. By reducing the ore treatment to \$3 a ton, Mr. Aldridge has secured for the Trail smelter ores which formerly went to Northport in the United States. The result is to the benefit of British Columbia trade.

THE CABINET WILL RESCIND ORDER

FOR CLOSE SEASON FOR SALMON NEXT YEAR

This Action Will be Taken Owing to Failure of Americans to Make Similar Regulations.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—At to-morrow's meeting of the cabinet an order in council will be passed rescinding the order passed during the last session of parliament for a close season for salmon fishing in 1906. This is because the Americans did not join as they agreed. The Americans are confident that 1906 can be arranged for as a close season. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is acting minister of marine and will submit the order to the cabinet meeting to-morrow.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

The customs revenue of the Dominion was nearly half a million more for the month of November than it was for November last year. The collections were \$1,790,471, or \$422,294 over November of 1904. For the five months the revenue was \$1,106,300, or \$1,262,267 over the same time last year.

TARIFF REVISION.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The cabinet was in session all day considering tariff and other matters. An effort will be made to have the tariff revised this session if at all possible. The commissioners will leave for Winnipeg at midnight.

WILL BE EXECUTED.

The Indian, Wilk Aleck, now in custody at Kamloops for the murder of another Indian at Vernon, will have to pay the penalty for his crime on the scaffold. The cabinet today decided that the law should take its course.

TO AID SUPPORTERS.

Meeting Held Last Evening to Raise Relief Fund for Jews in Russia.

The public meeting held in Victoria last evening was well attended. It was presided over by H. L. Salmon. In his opening address he gave the objects of the meeting, calling attention to the suffering of Jews in Russia. He gave details of the unhappy conditions in which thousands of the Hebrews living in that country have been reduced by the attacks upon them and the spoliation of their property. He called upon all present to assist those people in their awful plight. Lord Rotchick was quoted as saying that no matter how much money was collected for this purpose it would be only fractional relief. Dr. Elliott S. Howe made a very forcible appeal to the hearts of his hearers, and said as he hoped that the citizens of Victoria—irrespective of denomination—would subscribe liberally towards this object. He said it behooved Christians especially to assist with their voices and purses to put down this terrible carnage and torture of innocents.

A subscription list was opened and quite a large sum was given to render relief to the sufferers. It has also been arranged that additional subscriptions should be taken at any of the local banks.

PROTECTING FISHERIES.

Schooner Falcon Is to Be Employed in Patrolling Coasts.

"The fishing schooner Falcon, Capt. Brown, arrived in Nanaimo harbor yesterday from the North, and has been placed at the service of Fisheries Inspector Mr. E. G. Taylor, to be used by him during the winter months in patrolling the coasts of Vancouver Island, looking after the fisheries in general throughout Mr. Taylor's large district," says the Nanaimo Herald. "The headquarters of the Falcon will be in Nanaimo, and she will be used, as it were, as a base of operations against any offenders against the fisheries regulations, which are being so ably looked after at the present time by the Dominion government and its staff of fisheries officials. It is principally owing to the efforts of Mr. Sloan, M. P., that the cruiser has been secured for use in these waters."

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF COMMISSION

IN CURRENT ISSUE OF PROVINCIAL GAZETTE

Scope of Commissioner Is Defined—Batch of Appointments Newly Made— Companies Incorporated.

"Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of this act a commission has been issued to His Honor Peter Second Laingman, judge of the County Court of Victoria, for the purpose of inquiring into all matters pertaining to the action of the board of examiners, the department of education, and the principal of the South Park school at Victoria, in connection with the drawing books submitted by the pupils of the said South Park school at the High School entrance examination held in the month of June, 1905."

"The first meeting pursuant to the said commission, will be held in the County court room, law courts, Victoria, on Thursday, the 7th December, 1905, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon." The above notification signed by the provincial secretary appears in the current issue of the Gazette. It defines the scope of the royal commission, confirming the inquiry to the action of the department of education, the board of examiners, and the principal of South Park school. It also announces the date of the first session, which has already been given by the Times. Just where the local school board comes in with regard to the commission the notice does not say.

The Gazette also contains the following appointments: Samuel Walker, of Burton, to be a deputy game warden for the Dwyer electoral district.

Thomas Mayes, of New Westminster, to be superintendent of the Branch Hospital for Insane at Vernon, from the 1st day of December, 1905, in the room and stead of A. G. Fuller.

Ernest H. Estell, of Golden, to be a deputy game warden for the Columbia electoral district.

Henry Cathcart, Jr., of Victoria, to be chief clerk in the department of lands and works, from the first day of May, 1906.

Charles McKay Cotton, of Montreal, Advocate, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits in and for the province of British Columbia.

Hon. Robert Francis Green, chief commissioner of lands and works, to be acting minister of finance and revenue during the absence of Hon. Robert Garrett Tatlow from the province.

Hon. Frederick John Fulton, provincial secretary, to be acting minister of mines during the absence of Hon. Richard McFadden from the province.

Barclay, P. E. S., chief draughtsman, to be surveyor-general in and for the province of British Columbia, from the first day of December, 1905.

James Street Branch, of Trail, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia. Notice is given that the County court long vacation rules published in the British Columbia Gazette of the 27th of July, 1905, have been rescinded, and that the following rules have been framed instead thereof:

1. There shall be a vacation in the County courts of the province, except the County court of Athol, from the first day of August to the thirty-first day of September (both days inclusive) in each year, and in the County court of Athol from the first day of December to the thirty-first day of January (both days inclusive), during which vacation, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.

2. Nothing in these rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or proceedings for obtaining judgment on default summonses.

3. Nothing in these rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.

4. During said vacation, the office hours of the court shall be from 10 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, except on Saturdays, when they shall be from 10 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

5. Provided, however, that any judge of any County court may, if he deems necessary, hold sittings of the County court during such vacation.

6. These rules shall come into force on the 1st day of December, 1905, and shall continue in force until rescinded.

7. These rules may be cited as the "County Court Long Vacation Rules."

The following companies have been incorporated:

Britannia Trading & Lumber Co., Ltd., capital, \$25,000, divided into five thousand shares of five dollars each.

Real Estate Syndicate, Ltd., capital, \$10,000, divided into ten thousand shares of \$1 each.

Roselle Sawmill Co., Ltd., capital, \$50,000, divided into five thousand shares of \$10 each.

Schaake Machine Works, Ltd., capital, \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$100 each.

Week Publishing Co., Ltd., capital, \$10,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$1 each.

The Australasian Club, of Vancouver, has been incorporated under the provisions of the "Beneficial Societies Act."

The Columbia, Grand Forks and Cranbrook school districts have been redefined.

The St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co. has been gazetted as an extra-provincial company. The headquarters of the company are at St. Paul, Minn., and the capital is \$250,000; divided into 5,000 shares of \$50 each. The provincial head office of the company is situated at Victoria, and Richard Hill is attorney.

TABLET FOR BLACK WATCH.

Memorial in Glen Falls For Those Who Fought Teicoderoga.

(Associated Press.)

Glen Falls, N. Y., Dec. 1.—A tablet commemorating the valor of a Scotch regiment of the British army in the French and Indian war of 1756 to 1763 will be placed in the new Carnegie library in this city. The proposed tablet is for members of the famous Black Watch regiment who died in an attack on Fort Teicoderoga in 1758. The library is named after this fort.

It is announced today that officers of the present Black Watch regiment had written to Glen Falls accepting the invitation to erect a memorial tablet and that they were now having designs made for the tablet in London. The battle before Fort Teicoderoga, Gen. Abercrombie led the British army of 16,000 men and lost one-eighth of his army in the attack. The Black Watch was one of the heaviest losers among all the British regiments.

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League Refuses to Back Water.

Will Not Consider a Re-Organization.

Such as Suggested by J. B. A. A. For Settlement of Basketball Dispute—Amendments to Constitution.

Delegates representing the F. Y. M. A. V. W. A. A. Y. M. C. A., Cloverdale Athletic Association and the Fifth Regiment attended a meeting of the Victoria Basketball League held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Broad street. W. Fairall was elected to the chair and after the usual formalities, the committee appointed to wait upon the J. B. A. A. in the effort to reach a settlement of the difficulty between the two clubs was requested to report.

J. T. Croft, Cloverdale, stated that he had not prepared a written statement, but that he could give a verbal account of what had transpired at the conference referred to, but was afraid that the results were not satisfactory. He explained that the J. B. A. A. representatives had expressed the opinion that they could not see their way clear to re-enter unless the league was re-organized and put upon an entirely new standing. They had found fault more particularly with the resignation carried after the James Bay Athletic Association proposed assuming such an attitude the league could do nothing more to heal the breach.

P. Marchant moved that the report be laid upon the table. When asked how a purely verbal statement could be so disposed of he suggested that the account appearing in the Times be accepted as an official report. This carried, and it was laid aside for future reference.

The constitution then came up for consideration. It was taken up swiftly, and quite a number of amendments introduced. In the first place instead of the Victoria Basketball League it was agreed that the organization should be known as the Victoria Amateur Basketball League.

A most important change was made to section 1 of article 4, which now reads as follows: "The president shall preside at all meetings of the league, and shall have no voting power except a casting vote in case of a tie. The club from which he is sent as a delegate shall have power to elect a representative in his stead." Previously the chairman was entitled to a vote on all matters as a delegate and another in case of a dead-lock. This sometimes was most unfair. For instance if a protest happened to be submitted by the Fernwood Athletic Association, that organization was represented by a chairman, and there happened to be a tie when the matter came to a vote the decision naturally would go in favor of the F. Y. M. A. Whatever the merits of the case such would likely be the outcome, the injustice of which any fair-minded person can see. The new rule, however, introduces a change which may be expected to have beneficial results.

Another amendment was moved limiting intermediates to playing three years in that grade. This carried, but a third proposing that all juniors should be under the age of 17 years was defeated after an animated debate.

The work of revising the constitution was not completed, however, there being quite a lot of amending to consider. Owing to the ignity and tediousness of the task, the meeting was adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon, postponing the constitution, the election of officers, and other business to that occasion.

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THE POWERS AND TURKEY.

Plans for Further Action Have Not Been Definitely Arranged.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—While in official circles it is admitted that the powers do not expect the Sultan to yield as the result of the occupation of Mytilene, it is stated today that plans for the next step had not been definitely arranged, the powers awaiting the British proposal.
The foreign office informed the Associated Press that the British government does not exactly know the extent of the coercion which the other powers are willing to employ, but it is certain that none of the powers are willing to resort to actual warfare in order to enforce the demands for the financial control of Macedonia.
This view of the situation makes it quite possible that "demonstration by occupation" may proceed somewhat indefinitely. The present political situation in the United Kingdom naturally increases the reluctance in official circles here, and as Great Britain is taking a lead the movements of the demonstrative fleet may be delayed for some time pending the decision of the cabinet concerning its resignation or the dissolution of parliament.
The government has received information

from Sofia that the Macedonian committee has issued practically an ultimatum that unless the demonstration of the powers shall be carried to a successful issue the revolutionaries are prepared to act in a manner which will result in a war between Turkey and Bulgaria, as it is well known that Bulgaria has been preparing for eventuality since the revolution of 1903. An accord having been reached between Bulgaria and Roumania concerning Macedonia, these two governments are now prepared to try conjunction with Turkey should the necessity for such action arise.
Quiet at Mytilene.
Athens, Nov. 30.—Persons arriving from Mytilene today say they are convinced that the Porte will stand pat until the powers occupy Smyrna. They report that Mytilene is in a state of absolute tranquillity and that the Ottoman flag flies from the Government House.
The chief of police refused to surrender his sword to the foreign sailors, whereupon they took it from him forcibly.
Three hundred thousand members of the United Greek Catholic church in the United States recently met in Cleveland to petition the Pope for a bishop of their own nationality.

THE FIGHT WITH RUSSIAN MUTINEERS

OFFICIAL REPORT FROM ADMIRAL AT SEBASTOPOL

Naval Barracks Occupied by Troops—All the Mutinous Sailors Have Been Captured.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—The admiral, who was on board the Sevastopol, announced that it has received from General Kaulbars, governor-general of Odessa, the following telegram addressed to him, by Vice-Admiral Choukoun at Sebastopol, dated November 29th:

"We wished to terminate the affair on November 28th by surrounding the mutinous division with troops, and issued an ultimatum for unconditional surrender. The mutineers, however, commenced to attack on the night of November 27th, setting the torpedo boat Sevastopol and three others which had drawn near the cruiser Otchakoff. All these vessels

hoisted Red Flags, after which the Otchakoff flew the signal that Lieut. Schmidt was in command of the fleet. Then the lieutenant, who was on board the Sevastopol, sailed along the squadron, his crew cheering, but the other vessels did not respond to these cheers. Lieutenant Schmidt afterwards proceeded to the port and released those who had been arrested under his orders.
"Armed detachments of mutineers continued to seize the small craft in the harbor which were not guarded by troops. Armed parties in sloops from the Otchakoff went to the Pantheon, on which there were no arms, captured the officers and took them on board the Otchakoff. We were compelled to tolerate such doings inasmuch as the fleet had been disarmed in view of the

Dangerous Attitude of the sailors. One after another the craft on the eastern shore of the southern bay were seized by the mutineers and red flags hoisted. The plan which was first proposed was abandoned, and it was resolved to adopt energetic measures to prevent the situation from becoming worse.

"The officers captured by the mutineers were taken on board the Otchakoff, in the belief that their presence on the vessel would prevent fire being opened on it. Lieut. Schmidt informed the assembled officers that he would hang them if the troops on shore took action.

"At 1.30 on the afternoon of November 27th fire was opened by the field artillery on the ships in the southern harbor flying red flags. These flags were immediately lowered, and Lieut. Schmidt signalled, 'I have many captured officers.' The Otchakoff then opened fire, to which the north shore battery and the loyal ships whose breach locks had been restored, replied.

"The Sevastopol advanced to the attack, but was

Met by a Strong Fire from two cruisers, the Captain Sacken and the Merkury, and from the batteries on the shore.

"The Sevastopol was immediately put out of action, as were also two other torpedo boats, one of which sank. The Otchakoff had fired barely six shots when she hoisted the white flag. The squadron ceased firing.

"A conflagration broke out on the Otchakoff, and boats were sent to rescue the survivors and to transfer those who had been wounded. Lieutenant Schmidt, who was dressed as a common sailor, escaped, but was arrested later.

"When the firing began, a mining vessel, which had on board 300 mines, fearing an explosion, was sunk by her commander.

"Commander Slavotshinsky, commanding the Sevastopol, started for the mining ship, but was severely wounded while on the way.

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During the firing against the Otchakoff the field batteries

Bombarded the Naval Barracks, which replied. The number of wounded has not yet been ascertained. The Otchakoff is still burning, and it is impossible to extinguish the fire.

General Kaulbars telegraphed later that he had just received a telegram from Captain Bergel, chief of Admiral Choukoun's staff, saying that during the night about 1,500 mutineers had surrendered with 10 quick-firing guns to the fleet regiment, and that the barracks were occupied by troops.

General Kaulbars also forwarded an additional dispatch from Admiral Choukoun, saying that the barracks in which the mutineers had defended themselves had been occupied by the troops.

General Kaulbars' dispatch says that the mutineers who surrendered, together with those captured on the Otchakoff, numbered 2,000, the majority of them being reservists who were sent to the barracks at the time of the mutiny.

A torpedo boat which was supposed to have been sunk was found to-day on shore. She was on fire. The Otchakoff is floating, but she is badly gutted.

The town is quiet.

Capt. Bergel telegraphs that Captain Slavotshinsky died of his wounds.

According to the Slovo the mutineers themselves began the attack. After waiting until 5 o'clock in the afternoon for a reply to the

demands of the mutineers, which included the convocation of a constituent assembly, and the immediate realization of the reforms promised in the Imperial manifesto, Lieut. Schmidt opened fire on the city from ten vessels, Vice-Admiral Choukoun from the loyal warships and General Baron Meyer Gakoneleskie from the southern forts and with the coast artillery. The mutinous sailors used rifles and machine guns upon the entrenched infantry.

The fight, the Slovo says, lasted for two and a quarter hours. The mutineers made a heroic struggle, but the

odds were too heavy, and when the Otchakoff, battered to pieces and on fire, sank with the cruiser Enleper and a transport, Lieut. Schmidt, who was mortally wounded, surrendered the mutinous squadron and the mutinous sailors on shore hauled down their flag to the Brest and Blifotok regiments.

According to the Russ, however, Admiral Choukoun and General Gakoneleskie called on the mutineers to surrender, whereupon, under the orders of Lieut. Schmidt, the mutinous vessels on the north side which had replaced the flag at St. Andrews with the red flag, and which vessels were supposed to be loyal, instead of firing upon the mutineers,

Joined Cause With Them and directed their fire on the city and on the south side batteries. The Brest regiment thereupon stormed the northern battery with fixed bayonets and the guns were soon turned upon the ships and the barracks of the mutineers.

The Slovo says that the conspiracy which led to the mutiny went on under the noses of the officers, and that even Vice-Admiral Blifot, the minister of marine, who was at Sebastopol a fortnight ago, suspected nothing. The sailors waited until they were assured of the support of the troops, most of whom, however, refused to go over to the mutineers when the die was cast.

Placed Under Arrest.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—The most alarming indication of the spread of disaffection in the army, extending even to regiments near the front at Tsarskoe Selo to-day of a number of soldiers belonging to the Yellow Cuirassiers of the Guard, the Hussars of the Guard, and the Life Guard Riflemen, for presenting a series of petitions, including one against the use of troops for police purposes.

The regiments in question are those which have been specially selected by General Treppoff to guard the Emperor and his family. They have been counted upon as being loyal to the last, ready even to be torn to pieces in de-

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fence of His Majesty, like the Swiss guards of Louis XVI. Their arrest, however, although not for open sedition, shows how the leaven of

Discontent is working, even in the province of the imperial park at Tsarskoe Selo.

The incident gave rise to almost alarming rumors in St. Petersburg, including one to the effect that the Emperor actually had been attacked, and that a Grand Duke had been wounded while defending him, but the Associated Press is assured by a member of the Imperial entourage at Tsarskoe Selo that this is untrue.

The Strike of Telegraphers.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—(3.20 a. m.)—The official dispatches announcing the decisive crushing of the great mutiny at Sebastopol and the capture of all the mutineers, including the fanatical commander, Lieut. Schmidt, has raised a great load from the hearts of Count Witte and his associates in the government.

At a protracted cabinet council yesterday long and serious consideration was given to an even graver problem, the general strike of the telegraph and postal employees, which has completely paralyzed the interior communication of the empire, and which if continued will mean nothing else than the economic and industrial death of Russia.

Rumors were flying thick and fast late last night that Count Witte had decided to sacrifice M. Durnovo, the acting minister of the interior, because of his action in discharging the leaders of these employees on account of the strike. It is believed, however, that M. Durnovo will be given a final opportunity to rectify his error.

According to telephonic information from Moscow, the telegraphers there approached Baron Midem, the prefect, who promised to

from its difficulty in this regard. The interruption of telegraphic communication with the interior is complete, and the Associated Press is able to forward dispatches only by special arrangements.

Dispatches from Sebastopol show that the resistance of the mutineers was faint when they were convinced that the government meant business and could count on the active support of the troops in the forts, as the Otchakoff fired only half a dozen shots before hauling down her flag. The damage to the city of Sebastopol may be far less than had been expected.

Lieut. Schmidt and other leaders of the mutineers probably expected short shrift, and it is certain that the government will show them no leniency. The lieutenant was retired a few weeks ago on account of his participation in the revolutionary propaganda.

A courier who has arrived at Tangiers from Tunis reports that Moroccan soldiers there severely assaulted an American citizen who was the retiring holder of a tobacco monopoly. While the American was disposing of his stock, the succeeding concessionaire requested the authorities to intervene and prevent the sale. The American then hoisted the United States flag, which the soldiers hauled down and ejected the proprietor.



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machines. But it is surely not usual, scarcely neighborly, and hardly courteous, for a commanding officer to publish his views and estimates in newspapers. We are quite sure no criticism of the American fleet, no estimate of what it could do if brought into conflict with the navy of its late hosts, will appear in any British newspaper. In justice to Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans it must be explained that he was careful to say he made no invidious comparisons. He simply pointed out that the American people had had the opportunity of making comparisons, and they could draw their own conclusions as to personnel and equipment. The American people are of course capable of making a just estimate from what they saw. Did they not go through every vessel from the magazine to the fighting top? "I have my own views," says Mr. Evans, and they are that "with the way my fleet is equipped and manned, I am not afraid to stack up against anything in the whole world, and if it will be of any comfort to the American people to know it, tell it to them straight from the shoulder." Thus did Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans in his own peculiarly delicate manner and in a not very roundabout way express his opinion of the fighting strength of his late guest.

But Mr. Evans had other things to say which must surely have had an illuminating effect upon the minds of his hearers, as illustrating the spirit or disposition of one noble American commander. It seems the commercial spirit of the busy port of New York annoyed him. He desired room to manoeuvre and to "show off." He was hampered in his movements by canal boats and other marine pests carrying grain and various other useless articles of commerce. "The conditions of the New York harbor are sometimes enough to make a fellow cuss a blue streak. It is outrageous the way the East river is blocked, and I want to say that there is not another harbor in the world that would tolerate it. Going into the Brooklyn navy yard, the Maine, in order to dodge a string of canal boats, was obliged to almost poke its nose into the Brooklyn shore. We were obliged to get out of the way of three or four strings of canal boats and barges loaded with freight cars." Clearly it is the duty of the New York harbor authorities to make a clean-up in their port and reserve navigation rights exclusively for the fleets commanded by Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, the fleets which this great fighting man is not afraid of "stacking up against anything in the whole world."

EVIDENCES OF LIBERAL DECISION.
It is rather pleasant to contemplate the cheerfulness with which the organs of the Conservative party view the results of the late bye-elections in the East. The Postmaster-General only had a majority of five hundred in North York. Sir William Mulock carried the seat at the general elections by nearly a thousand of a majority. The change is exuberantly accepted as indicating the "decline" of the Laurier government. But on his first appearance before the electorate of North York Sir William Mulock was elected by the comparatively small majority of one hundred. He waxed in strength until the culminating point in his political career was attained at the late Dominion general elections. Mr. Aylesworth entered the field as a stranger to public life and to the people of North York. On his first appeal to the people he received the very handsome majority of nearly five hundred. Should his services prove acceptable, a matter on which there can be little doubt considering the character and the record of the man, and the importance of the position he has been called upon to fill in the service of his country, what is his majority likely to be after ten years' trial? Furthermore, as illustrating the alleged declension in the popularity of the Laurier government, it may be noted that Hon. A. B. Aylesworth received more votes at the recent bye-election than did Sir William Mulock at the general election. That fact surely does not indicate any declension in the strength of the Liberal party.

An analysis of the situation in Lambton and in Antigonish would also disclose little reason for the claim that the strength of the government is declining. Antigonish was the stronghold of the late Sir John Thompson, who held it secure for several years. The late representative of Lambton, Dr. Johnston, was one of the most popular men in the country. It was recognized by Liberals and Conservatives alike that it would be a very difficult matter to pick out a candidate who possessed such a "trip upon the affections" of the constituency as he did. But what is the use of attempting to surmise the opposition of the consolation of hope? It is a very sadly in need of a few grains of comfort. With its "adequate protection" propaganda rendered more repugnant than ever to the people, by recent revelations respecting the formations of trusts and combines for the purpose of taking unfair advantages of the great consuming masses even under a system of moderate protection, and with one section of the party, with jealousies and dissensions dividing the membership asunder, it would be but little short of cruelty to deprive the Conservative party of what little comfort it can

extract from the results of the bye-elections. If the protagonists of Tory doctrine really believe that they perceive symptoms of decline in the strength of the government, if in the results of the bye-elections in the East and of the first provincial general elections in Alberta they perceive with the eye of faith signs of a revulsion of political sentiment, they are welcome to their belief. May it fill them with renewed confidence in their leader and fit them the better to discharge their important duties in parliament.

FUTURE OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor:—If a line is drawn from the head of Spanish Inlet to the head of Sooke Harbor, the area between that line and the two bodies of water mentioned, on the one hand, and the southern coast of the Island on the other, will be found to be about 100,000 acres. From some knowledge of the character of this area, I suggest that, perhaps, one-third of it will have to be classed as non-arable. Of the remainder, let us cut out 16,000 acres for city property, including Esquimalt. This will leave about 50,000 acres available for cultivation. This if cut up into 20-acre fruit farms would give space for 2,500 of such places. But most fruit farmers, of the class who are most likely to settle here, that is, those who would prefer small places, would require less than 20 acres each. I suppose that if the whole area mentioned were utilized in the shape of small farms, there would be upwards of 3,000 such within the limits mentioned. Three thousand farms would imply a population of at least 20,000 people living on the farms. I find from the census that in agricultural communities the proportion between farmers and non-farmers is 3 to 2. Therefore an agricultural population of 20,000 would imply a professional, mercantile and mechanical population of 16,000, including in the latter laborers and servants. In other words, the utilization of the area mentioned in the manner described would imply an addition of 36,000 to the population of the district between Sooke and Spanish Inlet and the sea on the southeast coast of the Island. By the time the district was fully occupied as above, there would be a large increase in the population of Victoria and the immediate vicinity by reason of the incoming of persons seeking this as a residential city. Therefore I conclude that, dismissing all considerations as to foreign trade, railway terminals, manufacturing and so on, and relying solely upon the climate, soil and scenery as factors inducing growth and development, we may look forward to a population of 100,000 people in the part of the Island described, or one person to each acre. Or let us put it in this way: A city of 60,000 people and a suburban population of 40,000 within an hour's ride on electric cars, I think that we can reasonably look forward to something of this kind to be accomplished by the utilization of our local resources, without taking into account anything that railroads and manufacturing establishments may do for us. If to this we add what may result from the full development of the future of Victoria, simply as the chief city of the Island, is very full of promise.

CHARLES H. LUGRIN.
AN OUTSIDE VIEW.
Boundary Creek Times.
Agnes Deans Cameron, principal of the South Park school in the city of Victoria, has been dismissed by the board of school trustees. Miss Cameron should have been dismissed years ago. She has not the necessary qualifications to satisfactorily fill a position on the Victoria teaching staff. She is honest, straightforward, and the courage to follow the profession to which she belonged for a quarter of a century. Her reputation as an educationalist is not only national, but international. She succeeded in introducing the boys and girls under her charge some of those splendid qualities with which she herself is so richly endowed, and had she been allowed to continue her good work she might have succeeded, through the rising generation, in redeeming Victoria from that morass of ignorance to which the residents cling so affectionately. But the board of school trustees in their wisdom dismissed Agnes Deans Cameron. The primary reason for the dismissal is as characteristic of Victorian as the dismissal itself. An individual named Blair made wholesale charges of dishonesty against pupils in Victoria and Vancouver schools in connection with certain drawing lessons. Miss Cameron alone had the courage to defend the honor of her pupils. She did so so effectively that the board of trustees evidently thought her dismissal was necessary to maintain the status quo in the city of Victoria. We hasten to congratulate Victoria on its board of school trustees and upon the dismissal of Agnes Deans Cameron.

THE OLD MAN'S BURDEN.
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And your right to remain alive.
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In life's hard, pitiful race.
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Time was ere the world was started
With a demon menace of doom;
When the locks grown white with labor
Waved proud as a victor's plume,
When wrinkles were of honor,
That brought our reproach, poor fare,
And the evening shadows grew golden
As the leaves grew mellow and bare.
But take up the old man's burden
And start on your weary round
For the work that will ever slum you,
For the job that cannot be found,
How hopeless the path before you,
Where the spurs of necessity drive!
For your face bears the blacklist print
In your age—over forty—fine!

Hope on—there is merit in hoping;
Seek hard, till your search be past,
And the voice of the Great Employer
Shall answer your plea at last.
For the world's work, pithy and weary,
No longer you'll crave and strive,
There are pleasant places in heaven
For men over forty-five.

THE EFFACEMENT OF MR. BORDEN.
Halifax Chronicle.
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GIRL ANARCHISTS' CLUB.
One of Members Stabbed Policeman Who Was Searching Disused Cellar.
While engaged in searching for a missing school girl, says the Vancouver correspondent of the London Express, the police at Jassy have discovered an Anarchist club composed of girls from fourteen to twenty years of age.

A CRICKET STORY.
Sir Charles Kirkpatrick, of the touring English football team, was talking in Philadelphia about cricket.
"In a northern garrison town last year," he said, "a match was arranged between the officers of the garrison and the county lawyers."
"The officers prepared a superb luncheon for their visitors, and all sat down to the repast before the game."
"The lawyers did full justice to the good things. Like giants they attacked the champagne and black cigar. And the officers were more than hospitable. Bottle after bottle was brought in, and the costly black cigars from Havana lay in profusion everywhere."
"Finally the lawyers would have nothing more. Their faces, though, were already flushed, and as they emerged into the sunlight the cricket field their glazed eyes blinked."

ESCAPED RUSSIAN PRISON.
Mutiler Walks From Cell Disguised as Guard—Lady Revolutionist's Prominent Part in Escape.
The Daily Graphic publishes the following from its correspondent in Berlin: The agents of the Russian Badist committee in this city have received information of the escape from prison of the Russian student Feldmann, who was the chief organizer of the mutiny of the Kiaz Potemkin in the Black Sea. The rescue was planned by the foreign committees of the Bund and Social Democrats, and was carried out with remarkable skill. Two revolutionists disguised as prison guards entered the prison, and boldly walked out again with Feldmann clothed in a uniform similar to their own. It was anticipated that the other guards on duty would be unable to remember how many had originally entered Feldmann's cell, and that consequently the departure of three instead of two would pass unobserved by them. This calculation was fully justified, and Feldmann, with his rescuers, got safely away. A prominent lady revolutionist also played an important part in organizing the rescue.

CHINA THE LAND OF SILK.
Exchange.
China is so well suited by natural conditions for the production of silk that even the most antiquated and unscientific methods cannot deprive her of the first rank in that industry. In Japan everything connected with the silk business is scientifically regulated. No silkworm is allowed to hatch unless the egg has passed a scientific inspection. The mulberry trees are cultivated on scientific principles. Similar methods are pursued in other countries where silk is produced.
But in China these things are almost entirely disregarded, and yet China keeps the head in production. Her undeveloped resource in this industry is so enormous that Mr. Anderson, our consul at Peking, predicts that when China adopts modern methods, she will give a new turn to the silk business of the world.

BY THEIR WORKS, ETC.
Hamilton Herald.
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Attention is also called to the following provision of Section 3 of the said Act: "No declaration shall be accepted by the Clerk unless it is delivered within five hours after the closing of the office." Hence, Justices of the Peace, and other authorized persons, before whom the declarations will be made, are respectfully requested TO NOTE THEREON THE HOUR, AS WELL AS THE DATE, when such declarations are made before them. As the 31st day of December, 1905, is Sunday, in order to fulfil the requirements of Section 4 of the said Act, the "return" list will be closed on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1905, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.
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WELLINGTON J. HOWLER,
Clerk.
Victoria, B. C., November 29th, 1905.
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On account of the pressure of advertising during the holiday season, it is requested that all notices for insertion be handed in to the business office by 3.30 a. m. daily. Advertisers are requested, when possible, to hand new copy in the evening previous to publication, as they will thereby insure better display for their advertisements.

POLITICAL FORECASTS.

The Colonist says "there is no prospect of a general election before the expiry of the full term of the present legislature." If there were a prospect of a general election would the Colonist be likely to announce it? In the Colonist in the confidence of the government to the extent of knowing what the intentions of the Premier are? What is the specific business of the ministers in the East? They have not been summoned to Ottawa to confer with the Dominion government on the subject of better terms or upon any other subject. There has been no announcement that a conference of the representatives of the various provinces is to be held for the purpose of discussing the form in which a demand for better terms shall be made upon the federal government. If a provincial convention were determined upon, is it likely that the vigilant press correspondents would not have heard something about it? Conferences of such importance are not held without due notice being given and programmes of procedure being arranged. The Premier and his Finance Minister departed in haste. They are said to have gone East on "departmental business." The announcement is vague and unsatisfactory. Departmental business may include much or it may mean very little. But one thing is quite clear. The mysterious flitting of the ministers was not caused by a summons from the East. It proceeded from some inward promptings of a petty nature: If the mission be successful, the Premier will ask for a dissolution. If it be a failure, "there will be no general election before the expiry of the full term of the present legislature." It is evident the government believes that in British Columbia all things are ready for the appeal that it is believed will result in the extension for four years of the term of office of the McCrete administration. It only remains for the oracle in the East to signify its approval in a munificent manner and for an excuse for dissolution to be manufactured to the mind of the representative of the Crown. The last are very important contingencies, second only in importance to keeping the opposition in the dark as to official intentions. If the way can be smoothed for a hasty appeal to the constituencies, that appeal will be made early in 1906.

AN ADMIRAL'S OPINIONS.

It will doubtless be gratifying to the British people generally, and especially so to those who are ready to burst themselves with enthusiasm at the bare idea of the cordiality of the "entente," to know that as a result of the visit of the British fleet to the United States Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans took the opportunity to "size it up" and to appraise its fighting value compared with such a fleet as the United States could, in case of war, bring against it. Doubtless that is the proper, reasonable and professional thing for admirals to do. Very likely Prince Louis cast his professional eyes over the American ships, and mentally made a note of their power as fighting



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This is a gift which would be esteemed very highly by any lady.

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An endowment policy in The Mutual Life of Canada is a good investment. But suppose a man, at age 25, pays a premium of \$2 for 10 years only; in addition to the 10 years' insurance he has had for \$1,000 the company (without further payment from him) will keep him insured for a further period of 15 years for the full face of the policy and then pay him (guaranteed) \$566 in cash. A policy in The Mutual Life of Canada will give you the best value for your money. Apply to A. B. McNeill, special agent, or R. L. Deary, manager, 34 Broad street.

Take in supply of "SLAB WOOD" before the wet weather sets in. To be had at Lemon, Goussion & Co.'s mill. Telephone 77. Prompt delivery.

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For solid comfort, travel by the Northern Pacific's well train, "The North Coast Limited."

The regular meeting of the Victoria Camp, No. 52, Woodmen of the World, will take place on Friday evening, December 1st. Important business on hand. All members requested to be present.

It seems to be the general impression among Victorians that Hutchinson Bros. electrical and mechanical engineers doing business on Broughton street, are solely agents for Oldsmobile and Truscott launches. This is entirely erroneous, as their premises are admirably equipped with the very latest machine tools for the repair and making of the most intricate parts for all kinds of mechanical and electrical machinery.

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With large hall, parlor, dining room, sitting room, kitchen, four large bedrooms, washroom, bath, and a large terrace garden.

Magnificent Situation
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J. TEAGUE, Proprietor.

A very fine line of men's and boys' fancy slippers have arrived with our new stock. As these make both useful and handsome presents, they are worthy of your notice. The goods are of the highest quality, and the lowest price. For general shoe shops see James Maynard, the Douglas street shoe-man's ad. on page 3 of this issue.

Services will be held in the Seventh Day Adventist church, 231 Pandar avenue at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on Saturday.

To-morrow afternoon the second monthly medal golf contest for men will be played on the Oak Bay links. This afternoon the contest for ladies is to be played.

To-morrow will be the last day for securing subscription tickets for the musical festival. The possession of these tickets entitles the holder to exchange same for numbered seats on Monday morning next. The seat plan will not be opened to non-subscribers until Wednesday, December 6th.

A CONVERSATION is to be given by the Women's Guild of St. James' church on Tuesday evening, December 12th, in the drawing room of the Balmoral Hotel. Music will be provided during the evening, and there will also be on sale a limited supply of articles. It will open at 7 o'clock, lasting until 10.30 in the evening.

The Victoria fire department received only three calls last month, the total loss for November being \$2,000. This was the loss incurred in the destruction of the Cliff house on the 24th of the month. On the same date a chimney fire called the department to Superior street. A chimney fire also occurred on Amelia street on the 28th inst., but no damage resulted in either case.

J. H. Turner, agent-general in London, writing from London, under date of November 15th, says: "Mr. Palmer arrived here last evening, and I am sure all British Colonians will be glad to hear that the fruit exhibit on the ill-fated Bavarian has been saved, and will reach Liverpool on the Virginian on Saturday next. Of course, it is too early to say in what state it will be received, but we hope enough first-class fruit will come to hand to make the exhibit a success."

Following are the police returns for the month of November: Infraction of street by-law, 4; infraction of park by-law, 1; infraction of revenue law by-law, 1; house-breaking, 1; stealing, 2; possession of stolen property, 1; possession of intoxicants, 1; vagrancy, 2; assault, 2; aggravated assault, 1; keeping gaming house, 1; drunk, 12; discharging gun within city limits, 2; infraction of the bicycle by-law, 4; indecent exposure, 1; damaging property, 18; safe keeping, 17.

This evening the Children's Choral Society will take place at Assembly Hall, Fort street. It is being held in aid of the fund for a maternity ward at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, and under the auspices of the Daughters of the City. For the past few weeks energetic committees have been busy decorating and making the interior of the hall as pretty as possible. Flags and bunting, together with electric lights, have been utilized artistically, and the result should prove exceedingly charming. An excellent musical programme has been arranged which, with an able floor committee, should ensure a pleasant time to all attending. In order that all wishing to contribute to the success of the affair by contributions in the line of refreshments—cakes, pastry, sandwiches, fruit, candy, brown bread and fruit—the hall will be open all afternoon.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen is planning an active winter campaign of work. The three local lodges have appointed committees, and weekly meetings are being held to perfect arrangements. The committee consists of Messrs. Gawley, Mallott, Smith, Jackson, Deasy, Brown, Shakespear, Cochener, Clunk and Semple. On the night of December 14th a meeting will be held under the auspices of Victoria lodge, No. 1, when a programme of vocal and instrumental music will be provided. On night of December 20th, a Christmas tree will be given for the children of Workmen, and for this every Workman is requested to leave a contribution at the office of the grand recorder in Trueman alley. A special invitation is extended to the children of deceased Workmen. In January the installation of officers takes place, and on the 14th of February Western Star lodge will give an entertainment.

Dominion lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., at its meeting last evening elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Thos. Hawkins, N. G.; Frank Dresser, V. G.; Thos. Bamford, secretary, and P. A. Habbington, treasurer.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, at the First Presbyterian church, next Sunday evening, will give a lecture on "The Jews and the Massacre in Russia." Few consider what the world owes to the Jews. The lecture is sure to be interesting and instructive.

Prof. E. A. Prince, Dominion fisheries commissioner, and chairman of the commission now sitting for inquiring into the fishing industry in this province, has returned to the city after presiding at sittings held in Nanaimo and Duncan.

In a recent carload of furniture consigned to A. Blyth, 15 Broad street, came 500 footstools highly upholstered in silk and velvet. Mr. Blyth is going to run these out as a leader for the next few days at 75c each. See his new line of dining chair, rockers, etc.

John Montgomery, foreman of construction for the Federal department of marine and fisheries, returned last night after superintending the installation of a fog horn on Leonard Island. He will leave for the East in the course of a few days, and is among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

Rev. Father Castrix, who came to Victoria a year ago last October, and inaugurated the work last December, which has resulted in the erection of the new St. Mary's church in Victoria West, will leave to-night for Ottawa en route to Brooklyn. He will be succeeded here by Rev. Father Pluymer, who is expected from Kingston next week. Rev. Father Castrix, bade his congregation farewell on Sunday night. His departure from Victoria will be a matter of much regret to every adherent of the new suburban church, with whom he was very popular.

RICKETS IN CHARGE

New Manager for Victoria Theatre—May Plays Will Come.

According to advice from Vancouver, E. H. Ricketts, now manager of the Terminal City opera house, will preside over the destinies of the Victoria theatre, which has just been leased from Mr. Roseville by John Cort, president of the Northwest Syndicate. The change will come into effect at the beginning of the New Year and there is every reason to expect that it will embrace features other than that of management.

The Times was informed to-day that every attraction on the books of the syndicate would henceforth visit Victoria, which would include such stars as Melba, Nordica, Margfield, Ethel, Wilton, Frances Robertson, and the other noted ones who in the past, have slipped by the Island capital. Moreover, the attractions will be some more frequent than once a week. In fact, it is the intention to keep the play-house open nearly every day in the week and in that way establish a lively patronage. The syndicate, with all the deficiencies attributable to combinations, has the resources and should be able to work up this hold to an amazing extent. Mr. Cort was in Vancouver a few days ago looking after the lease, and it is quite likely that either he or his representative, Calvin Helbig, will be over here next week. While in the Terminal City, Mr. Cort had a good word to say for the moving pictures of the Britt-Nelson fight, which will be shown in Victoria to-morrow night. "They are," he said, "the finest I ever saw. They are very plain and distinct, and every move, from the time the men shook hands till Jimmy laid down after the stiffest battle of the modern ring, is depicted to the life."

LEGAL NEWS.

Applications Heard in Chambers To-day by Mr. Justice Irving.

In Chambers this morning, Mr. Justice Irving heard the following applications: B. C. Land and Investment Agency vs. Robinson—An order was made for examination. J. H. Lawson for the plaintiff, and G. H. Barnard for the defendant. Ker vs. Henderson—Application was made by B. G. Barnard to substitute service under the Creditors' Relief Act. It was represented that K. G. Henderson had disappeared from the city and could not be located. The plaintiff had a claim amounting to about \$6,000 against him. He asked

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Our First Prize is a
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Every dollar purchase entitles you to one chance. Drawing Jan. 2nd. A big shipment of German goods direct from the factory at extraordinarily low prices, just unpacked.

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Solid Gold Rings, \$1.75 and up
Fashionable Brooches, 50c. and up
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Handy Pencils, 50c. and up
Card Cases, \$1.00 to \$3.50
Perfume Bottles, 50c. to \$5.00
Pomade Jars, 50c. to \$1.00
Cut Glass Powder Box, \$2.50 and up
Opera Glasses, \$2.75 to \$38.00
Fancy Clocks, \$1.50 and up
Jewel Cases, \$2.50
Silverware Novelties, 50c. and up
Oak Goods, Butter Dish, \$2.75
Diamond Rings, \$10.00 and up
Individual Umbrellas, \$3.25
Hand Bags, \$1.00 and up
Purses, 75c. and up
Writing Desk Novelties, 50c. up
Pretty Lockets, \$1.00 up

**For
Gentlemen**

Cuff Links, 50c. up
Fountain Pens, \$2.00 and up
Match Boxes, \$1.00 and up
Chairs, 50c. and up
Shaving Brushes, \$1.25 and up
Shaving Sets, \$2.50 and up
Scarf Pins, 25c. and up
Vest Chains, \$1.00 and up
Dressy Pobs, \$1.25 and up
Guaranteed Watches, \$3.00 and up
Solid Gold Rings, \$1.50 and up
Stamp Boxes, 75c. and up
Seals, 50c. and up
Field Glasses, \$6.00 and up
Military Brushes, \$1.75 and up
Walking Canes, \$1.00 and up
Umbrellas, \$2.75 and up
Shells, \$2.00 and up
Cigar and Cigarette Cases, \$1.25 and up
Pipe Sets, \$2.50 and up
Pouches, 75c. and up
Decanters, \$3.00 per set

FOR THE BAIRNS

Gold Rings, 75c. and up; Bracelets, 25c. and up; Baby Pins, 25c. and up; Lockets, 75c. and up; Neckties, 50c. and up; Serviette Rings, 25c. and up; Solid Silver Spoons, 75c.; Souvenirs, 50c.; Cups, Rattles, Etc.

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GENUINE
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Every article in the store will be sold POSITIVELY AT HALF THE REGULAR MARKED PRICE until the entire stock is cleared off.

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For Rheumatism, Sciatica, Sprains, Malaria, Nervous Debility, etc., followed by Massage. Apply Mrs. Ellison, Balmoral Block, 74 Fort street. Phone 1110.

**JUST TO MAKE ELBOW ROOM FOR
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Having Purchased the Stock of

Bissell & Potts
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150 \$35 Suits
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To Make room for CHRISTMAS GOODS

1000 Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats, this season's Goods, the regular prices for which range from \$15 to \$22, at \$8, \$10 and \$15. All Goods marked in plain figures. Come early and secure the best pick from this huge Slaughter Sale

SEMI-READY is Positively the only Tailor Made Clothing Manufactured in Canada
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CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN THIS PROVINCE

PROFESSOR W. R. LANG
READS PAPER ON IT

At Meeting of Society of Chemical Industry at Toronto—The Crows' Nest.

An instructive and entertaining paper upon the chemical industry in this province was read by Prof. W. R. Lang of the University of Toronto at a meeting of the Society of Chemical Industry in Toronto last Thursday. According to the Globe, the lecture was of especial interest, as illustrative of the great development in the Pacific province and the large field for the study of the subject which the many varied natural resources of the province present. The fact that the conclusions presented by the lecturer were arrived at as the result of personal observation and investigation imparted added value to them. The impossibility of doing justice to so large a subject on the strength of the limited acquaintance possible on a summer trip was pointed out. And while the mineral industries were undoubtedly the most important, it was a source of gratification to remember these are not the only ones; chemical works, sugar refining, vinegar making, coffee and spice mills, soap, syrups, extracts, cement works and fish-canning being also included in the diversified industries found operating in British Columbia.

Among other interesting features which Prof. Lang noted was the satisfaction of the management at Victoria with the experiments for preparing sulphur trioxide by the contact process, which he expects to be a success commercially. The fact that it was cheaper to import sulphur from the Pacific Islands than to use Canadian sulphur was a matter of surprise. British Columbia having practically the only iron ores along the northern Pacific Coast, the importance of coal being abundant, and the limestone associated with the iron being exceptionally pure, British Columbia is eminently fitted to become a large iron producer. Little has yet been done to save the platinum and osmium found in small quantities and mercury in the form of cinnabar has been found at Kamloops lake, and there is a strong probability of mercury ore being at no distant date profitably treated. As a chemist Prof. Lang was much impressed with the Trail smelter, of which he spoke as a really fine chemical industry.

B. C. Coal and Coke.

Of the coal mining and coking industry in British Columbia, Prof. Lang gave a graphic description. Speaking of the beneficial effect produced by the operations of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company upon the industries of British Columbia, he quoted the government bulletin of 1904, as follows: "Coke is supplied at \$4.25 to \$4.50 f.o.b., and freight to Boundary points is \$2 to \$2.25, so about \$6.50 per ton is the cost delivered at the Boundary smelters. Coal from Vancouver Island collieries used to cost \$10, and coke \$11; delivered at Nelson. Now coal from the Crow's Nest Pass collieries is delivered there at about \$5 and coke at about \$6; so the beneficial influence of the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields has here been unmistakably demonstrated by a reduction in cost of fuel of nearly 50 per cent."

Prof. Lang estimated that the annual loss in the coking operations of the company, owing to the non-recovery of the coal tar and ammonia liquor, for which there is at present no demand, but for which he hoped there would be in the near future a market, amounted to \$55,400.

ELECTRIC CORPORATION.

Company Reported to Be Organizing to Control Power of Western United States.

It is reported that a \$50,000,000 corporation is being formed in the East to acquire and control the electric power on the Pacific coast from Southern California to the boundary line between Canada and the United States. The water rights in the mountains along the route of the California-Nevada line will be acquired. The power will be conveyed to San Francisco and

elsewhere. In Oregon district companies will be abolished. It is expected that in time the electric power will be utilized for railway purposes.

FRENCH DEFENCES DISCUSSED.
Question Brought to the Front By the Moroccan Agitation.

Paris, Nov. 30.—If the agitation over the Moroccan question has no other effect it certainly will have the effect of rousing the French people to the necessity of a thoroughness in preparation for defence against all attacks. Even the Socialists, notwithstanding their unquestionable devotion to peace, are beginning to denounce the German methods. For instance, the Socialist organ, the Petit Republicain, under the caption, "Are We Ready?" dwells on the excellence of the French rifle and the superiority of the French artillery, and declares that the still more important factor, the French soldier, has no reason to fear comparison with those of other countries, while in defending his own country he will have the advantage of defending the Republic and his own rights as a man and a citizen.

The moderate Republican senator, Vicomte de Montfort, a retired officer of great practical experience, writing in the Figaro on the question of a war with Germany, expresses the conviction that "with a little patriotic energy our eventual success is still possible." In the Gil Blas, M. Louis D. Hercourt says: "In estimating the chances of Germany and the coalition against her, one question, namely, that of money, has been studiously ignored by the alarmist, although it has a certain importance." Germany, he contends, would be the first to suffer from financial exhaustion, owing to the special nature of the conflict. "On the very day of the declaration of war no German ship could show her flag on any sea without being captured or sunk. There will be no difficulty in admitting that statement, which appears to be infinitely more probable than the seizure of France as a hostage within a week. Therefore, at one blow German commerce and industry would be practically reduced to insignificance. During the war in the Far East Russia borrowed in Paris while Japan borrowed in London and New York. But where would Germany, fighting against France and the Anglo-Saxon world, find a banker? The upshot would be the impossibility to borrow money and the impossibility to borrow. It will be admitted that from an economic standpoint at least the allies could flatter themselves with having a crushing superiority, the combined financial resources and credit of France and England being almost inexhaustible, while their commerce would be free from all obstacles over nine-tenths of the globe."

FROM WEST COAST.

J. L. Retallack Is Impressed With the Rich Showings of Iron on Island.

John L. Retallack, of Kelso, returned last evening by the Queen City from a inspection of the mines on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. He visited that part of the country in a private capacity, looking into the showing of mineral.

Mr. Retallack was greatly impressed by the iron showings on the West Coast. He says that there seems to be very rich deposits of that mineral at various points. Of course there has not been as yet a great amount of work done to prove the extent of the bodies, but everything indicates there are rich deposits of iron. Unfortunately there is not a great deal of activity at the copper mines of the West Coast at present. Mr. Retallack visited the June group of copper properties on Quatsino Sound, where Harold Grant, formerly of this city, is in charge. On the property a cross-cut is being driven which is hoped, from the surface indications, to intercept a good body of copper ore. Mr. Retallack regards the mine as a very promising one.

He was charmed with his trip and the courtesies extended him by the officers of the Queen City. He made the trip to Cape Scott, thus covering the whole of the West Coast. The splendid shipping facilities which are now being matured along the Coast appealed to him as a very important feature in the future development of the Island.

Mr. Retallack expects to leave Victoria on Monday for the interior.

President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, his daughter, Mrs. Geo. T. Shade, and Mr. Shade, has returned to St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Shade, who, because of impaired health took a leave of absence last September, from his duties as general superintendent of the Great Northern railway, declared today that he could not say whether he would resume his former position on the Great Northern.

TORONTO PLUMBERS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Are Charged With Conspiracy—Destructive Fire at Charlottetown—Many Men Out of Work.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—A dozen members of the Masters Plumbers' Association and Plumbers' Union, charged with conspiracy, were committed for trial by Magistrate Denison this morning. It was shown that the association had been levying percentages on all jobs passing through the offices of Toronto architects, whether in the city or not. Further evidence showed that the ramifications of the supply combine extended as far as British Columbia.

Favor Life Saving Station.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—The board of control today decided to memorialize the Dominion government for a life saving station at this port.

Bank Clearings.

Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—Bank clearings for the week ending to-day were \$11,128,874; 1904, \$11,145,757; 1903, \$8,999,244; for the month, \$48,573,171; in 1904, \$38,641,431; in 1903, \$29,220,256.

Vessel Safe.

Port Arthur, Ont., Nov. 30.—The Rosemont, which was blown ashore on Mutton Island in Thunder Bay, was released by the tug Whaler after being lighted, and steamed into port. A mass of ice covered her sides and deck and even reached as far as the spars. The Rosemont is now the worse for her misadventure and this afternoon is taken back into her hold the wheat taken from her in being lighted. Grave fears are expressed for the safety of the Munkshaven, a vessel belonging to the "Soo" fleet. She is now about 38 hours overdue and marine men express anxiety regarding her. The Munkshaven was at Passage on Monday, when the storm was blowing a destructive gale. Other ships which sighted her have arrived in port. It is generally conceded that she has been lost.

New Church.

Moosic Jawe Sank, Nov. 30.—The Methodist congregation here will erect a \$40,000 church with a seating capacity of 1,000.

Quebec, Nov. 30.—Gunner Richard Kydd, alias Hall, who was shot on Sunday morning last, died at the hospital last night. Gunner Berry, who did the shooting, will now have to answer to a charge of murder.

Destroyed by Fire.

Halifax, Nov. 30.—The car shop, blacksmith shop, with almost the entire contents, of Prince Edward railway station at Charlottetown, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$60,000. A large number of men are thrown out of employment.

SPENCES BRIDGE-NICOLA LINE.

Road Will Probably Be Completed by the End of April.

It is expected by the Canadian Pacific railway authorities that the Spences Bridge-Nicola line, now under construction, will be completed by the end of April—six months ahead of the estimated time, says the Vancouver Province.

"As yet tracklaying has not been started, but it is expected that the first rails will be laid within the course of next week by the contractors, Messrs. Ironside, Rennie & Campbell of Vancouver, who hold a subcontract from Messrs. Less & Macdonell, builders of the road."

"There is one tunnel on the line of railway not yet driven, but it will be finished by the time the tracks reach it, and although the grade has not been completed, right through to Nicola lake, yet there is little doubt that steel will cover the entire forty-five miles of road by April 30th next."

"During the fall the contractors and subcontractors have been able to make an excellent showing with their work, for the reason that a large number of workmen were secured from Manitoba. These men are staying with the job and not quitting after working two or three days, as was the case with those employed during the summer months."

VANCOUVER NOTES.

At the annual meeting of the Vancouver branch of the National Sunday School Association it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the association, at which the election of officers will take place on Friday evening, December 8th.

The heaviest fall of snow at any point along the lower coast of British Columbia, which has fallen so far this year, came down in the vicinity of Howe Sound, Tuesday. Fully six inches fell.

The charge of burglary against W. H. Lucas in connection with the People's theatre was dismissed by Stipendiary Magistrate Alexander Wednesday, on the ground that the information did not reveal any offense under section 418 of the Criminal Code since a theatre could not be construed as a shop. A fresh information was then made by Mr. Berch, under section 89 of the code, charging Mr. Lucas with entering by force. No date for trial on this charge has yet been fixed. It is understood that a compromise has been offered by Mr. Lucas, but has not been accepted. The temporary injunction expired Thursday, but it is understood that no application for renewal will be made as it is not considered necessary, since the whole matter will have to be threshed out in the application of Mr. Lucas for the ejectment of Mr. Berch under the Overhauling Tenants Act, which is to come up before His Honor Judge Henderson on Saturday.

General French's Praise.

The British Infantry Equal to Any in Europe.
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THE CITY MARKET

That the Christmas and New Year holiday season is rapidly approaching may be realized, if in no other manner, by a glance at the windows of the principal grocery establishments of the city. During the past week the consignments of raisins, peels and other cake and pudding ingredients have been arriving, and already are finding a ready sale. The displays have been made more attractive by the addition of Japanese oranges in large quantities, and of the best possible quality. Since the Times reporter's last weekly round several more shipments of this popular fruit have been received from the Orient, and these are a marked improvement over the first to arrive, being ripe, sweet and as delicately nice as the finest navel-grown in California. Speaking of the navel, it might be said that they are coming in freely from the south and vying with the product of Japan in the popular demand. Staples continue to maintain a steady price, but business generally may be said to be improving to a considerable extent with the advent of the holiday season.

One of the features of the past few weeks in connection with the local markets was the arrival, for the first time, of the smoked herring of Nainaimo. These are being put up under the direct supervision and with the assistance of the Scotch girls, brought to Canada by the expert, J. J. Cowie, who is employed by the Dominion government in the endeavor to improve the quality of the Canadian canned small fish. They have been on sale only for a very short time, and are reported to have attracted some attention. The first box of Finnan haddock sent to Victoria from Nainaimo was procured on Wednesday by Robert Mowat and placed on sale. There has not yet been time to ascertain whether its quality is as good as the eastern product. Those interested, however, contend that there is no reason why that of the Pacific Coast should not equal it in every way.

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Halibut, per lb.	10
Kippers, per lb.	10
Blonde, per lb.	8
Rock Cod	10
Base	10
Shrimps, per lb.	8
Herring, per lb.	4
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	50
Butter (Delta Creamery)	25
Butter (Victoria Creamery)	25
Butter (Cowichan Creamery)	25
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Cheese (Canadian)	15
Lard, per lb.	15
Poultry—	
Dressed Fowl, per lb.	20
Ducks, per lb.	20
Geese, per lb.	20
Turkey (Island), per lb.	30
Turkey (Eastern), per lb.	20
Coal Oil—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.50
Eocene	1.40
Sugar—	
B. C. Granulated, per 100 lbs.	5.00
Wholesale Markets—	
Island Potatoes, per ton	18.00
Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	2
Onions (California), per lb.	1.50
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	1.00
Lettuce, per crate	4.00
Bananas, per bunch	2.00
Lemons	4.00
Oranges (Valencia)	3.75
Oranges (Jamaica)	4.50
Oranges (Jap.), per box	50
Dry Figs, per lb.	7 1/2
Walnuts, per lb.	15
Gaslie, per lb.	10
Grape-Fruit, per box	3.00
Pineapples, per doz.	3.50
Apples (local), per box	1.25
Figs (local), per box	1.50
Grapes (Concord), per basket	1.00
Citrus, per lb.	1 1/2
Bell and Chili Peppers, per box	1.50
Cucumbers, each	8
Butter (creamery), per lb.	25
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	38
Chickens, per lb.	12 1/2
Ducks, per lb.	12 1/2
Hay, per ton	16.00
Wheat, per ton	27.00
Barley, per ton	45.00
Beef, per lb.	8
Mutton, per lb.	11
Pork, per lb.	11
German Economist Says the Country is Hastening to Bankruptcy.	
In an interview Dr. Rudolf Martin, the German economist, adheres to his opinion that Russia is hastening to bankruptcy. The Russian debt, he points out, after she has borrowed another seventy-five millions, will amount to 250 millions sterling, on which she has to pay close on forty millions of interest. He affirms that within a period of from five to ten years Russia will no longer be able to pay the interest on her loans. Since 1901 there has been a continuous deficit in the Russian railway department, the soil has become degenerate, and the peasants have no means to restore its fertility. It would take 500 millions to supply the cattle, farm buildings, and manure necessary for the "intensive" cultivation of the soil. Dr. Rudolf Martin is of opinion that the money subscribed for the new Russian loan will be so much money thrown into the sea.	
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	17.00
Straw, per bale	75
Corn	33.00
Middlings, per ton	27.00
Brass, per ton	25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	90
Vegetables—	
Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	8
Cabbage, per lb.	8
Island Potatoes, 100 lbs.	1.25
Onions, silver skin, per lb.	1 1/2
Turnips, per lb.	1 1/2
Cucumbers, per doz.	30
Watercress, per lb.	25
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	18 1/2
Bacon (American), per lb.	22 1/2
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	20
Shoulders, per lb.	18 1/2
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	18
Beef, per lb.	10 1/2
Pork, per lb.	11 1/2
Mutton, per lb.	12 1/2
Lamb, hindquarter, per lb.	1.25
Lamb, forequarter	1.00
Fruit—	
Cocoanuts, each	10
Apples (local), per box	1.00
Peaches, per box	1.50
New Jordan Almonds (valued), per lb.	90
Valencia Almonds (unvalued), per lb.	50
Valencia Raisins, per lb.	12 1/2
Sultana Raisins, per lb.	18
Valencia Oranges, per doz.	25 1/2
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Pineapples, each	40 1/2
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Withdrawn From Sale When Bids Reached Thirty-Five Thousand Pounds.

The whole of the beautiful freehold estate known as Leka Park, Witley, formerly belonging to the late Mr. Whitaker Wright, was by the order of the court put up for auction, in fifty lots, at the Borough hall, Godalming, says the London Mail.

There will be new owners for the whole of the property before tea time," declared the auctioneer, Holland Peck, of Messrs. Hampton & Sons, at the outset. Four hours later over 70,000 had changed hands, but the principal lot, the residential estate, with its magic submerged room and wonderful ballroom, still remained in the hands of the Court of Chancery, having been withdrawn when the bidding stopped at 35,000.

While speaking in the highest terms of the mansion standing within its 455 acres of gardens, woodlands and plantations, with its lovely chain of lakes, the auctioneer remarked that some persons might have gathered the idea from certain newspaper articles that the building was equal in size to a couple of Buckingham Palaces, with Sandringham thrown in, and that Lake Como was in the grounds.

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In the opinion of the C. P. R. naval engineers the turbine has not yet reached the stage that it can be relied upon to the extent of the reciprocating engine. When it does it will be adopted for future Empresses.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The department of marine and fisheries give notice that a bell buoy has been established by the government of Canada on the extreme western shoulder of Roberts bank, one mile S. 22 1/2 degrees E. from Fraser river lightship. The buoy is moored in 15 fathoms; it is painted red, and is surrounded by a bell ring automatically by the motion of the buoy.

In notice to mariners No. 53 (207) of 1905, it is stated that Fraser river lightship is in latitude 46 degrees 8 minutes and 22 seconds N.; it should be 46 degrees 6 minutes and 55 seconds N.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Capt. Blackstad, a well known sealer in this city, who had charge of one of the Munsie vessels at the time she met with an accident when being brought to Victoria, is reported to be on his way to Victoria again for the purpose of taking command of one of the local sealing vessels which will be sent out from Victoria this winter.

Capt. Gaudin has wired to Ottawa for instructions regarding the repairs to the Fraser river lightship which a week or so ago broke her mooring cables and was driven ashore, and is now in the harbor.

BURNED TO DEATH.

(Associated Press.)
Weston, W. Va., Dec. 1.—Charles F. Douglass, his wife and five children were burned to death in their home near here today. The fire was caused by an explosion of natural gas.

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Action of Vancouver Business Men Causes Sensation—B. W. Greer Says C. P. R. May Retaliate.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—The action of the business men in declaring a boycott against the C. P. R. last night produced a profound sensation in commercial circles to-day.

General Freight Agent Greer, stated to-day that in retaliation the company might be forced to give terminal rates to all points up country such as Revelstoke, Kamloops and other places. At present these places get a rate equal to the rate from the East to Vancouver and back to the upper country.

REMAIN AT MYTILENE.

Ships of Powers Have Not Been Ordered From the Island.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 1.—Advices received by the foreign office here indicate that Turkey is going to yield to the demands of the powers for the financial control of Macedonia. The international fleet has not been ordered to leave the Island of Mytilene for aggressive action elsewhere.

Another Report.

Athens, Greece, Dec. 1.—A Russian torpedo destroyer arrived here to-day. Her commander in an interview said that the Turkish governor of the island of Mytilene yesterday presented to Vice-Admiral Jetté Von Jetté, commander of the international fleet, an official dispatch from Constantinople, in which it stated that the port would accept the proposals of the powers for the financial control of Macedonia. According to the Russian officer, stated that if by Sunday at midday the port has not definitely accepted the demand the international fleet would occupy the Islands of Lemnos and Imbros.

Interviewed Ambassador.

Constantinople, via Sofia, Dec. 1.—An extraordinary council of ministers is in session at the Yildiz palace to consider the situation arising from the refusal of the ambassadors to modify their demands in regard to the financial control of Macedonia.

Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, previously interviewed the British ambassador and urged a compromise which would not injure the Sultan's dignity, but the ambassador was obdurate. He declared that any modification of the scheme was impossible.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

Lost Their Lives in Wreck of Scoy Geo. Herbert at Two Islands.

(Associated Press.)

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 1.—Three men lost their lives in the wreck of the schooner Geo. Herbert at Two Islands. They are Ole Miller, Geo. Olson and Ole Nelson, all of Duluth. When the schooner went on the rocks Wm. Hicks and Chas. Janion saved themselves by jumping to shore. The other three lacked courage, and as the schooner broke up they were driven ashore, and is now in the harbor.

Steamers Safe.

Cleveland, Dec. 1.—A telegram received at the offices of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company here to-day from Two Harbors, Minn., states that the steamer Watt, with the barge Thomas in tow, has safely arrived at that port. They had not been heard from since the big storm of Tuesday. Ten vessels belonging to this company have been reported ashore as a result of the recent gales.

The steamer M. Clemenson, previously reported missing, arrived at the Soo to-day. News of her safety was received by the local manager of the A. B. Wolvin fleet. The Clemenson has a crew of 24 men.

GARRISON REINFORCED.

More Russian Troops Have Been Sent to Tsarskoe Selo.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The garrison of Tsarskoe Selo has been reinforced by the Semenovka regiment. Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevich, commander of the Imperial Guards, has decided to send in turn all the other guard regiments to Tsarskoe Selo.

The frightened public unloaded stocks on the bourse to-day, but the bankers in view of the better outlook took the offerings and prevented a dead break, although Imperial fairs closed half a point down.

Slight Improvement.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1, 5 p.m.—Late this afternoon the outlook for a temporary improvement in the situation which would give the government an opportunity to catch its breath was brighter. The danger of an immediate general strike was considered to be practically averted as the result of the three-cornered negotiations between Premier Witte, the employers and the workmen, by which it was decided that both the government and private establishments which are now closed shall be re-opened.

The law governing elections to the national assembly is now practically completed. The premier hopes it will aid the situation. The measure will be a compromise. Direct suffrage will be universal in the second degree.

Message From Capital.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Telegraphic communication with St. Petersburg has been restored, the state department having received a routing message this morning from Mr. Eddy, the American charge d'affaires.

NINE PERISHED.

In Fire Which Destroyed a "Pull Boat" at Mobile, Ala.

(Associated Press.)
Mobile, Ala., Dec. 1.—Nine persons whose names are not known, occupying a "pull boat" on Middle river, which runs between the Texas and Alabama rivers, were burned to death to-day in a fire which destroyed the boat. Sidney Wheat, a negro steward, was the only survivor of ten men who lived on the craft.

MOROCCAN CONFERENCE.

French Premier Announces Postponement Until Next Month.

(Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 1.—Premier Briand to-day announced to the council of ministers that the Moroccan conference has been postponed until January owing to the delay in arrival of the Moroccan delegates.

FOOTBALLER INJURED.

(Associated Press.)
Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 1.—Leo McNally, the young man whose spine was fractured in a Thanksgiving Day football game, was reported today to be doing well at the hospital. He has been conscious most of the time since the accident, but the lower part of his body and legs are paralyzed.

"TRILBY" LAST NIGHT.

Watson Company Played Version of Du Maurier's Novel.

The late George Du Maurier's novel "Trilby" was presented at the popular Little Port street theatre last evening. The play is one that calls for the cleverest kind of acting, and in the hands of an inferior company would be rank farce. However, the Watson players won fresh laurels last night, for the production of "Trilby" was one that would do credit to any company, and the various parts were handled in such a way as to win the most generous praise. Du Maurier's story deals with life in the Latin Quarter of Paris, a locality full of romance, comedy and tragedy, and characters that perhaps could not be picked out from any city in the world but Paris. Nearly everyone has read the novel "Trilby," and it is only necessary to say that the story in the play form is even more intensely interesting than the novel. Swengall and Trilby, of course, are the two central characters about whom the story is written, but Little Billie, Toddy, the Laird, Geo. and Zou Zou all stand out very prominently. Each of these roles was in capable hands last night. Richard Scott gave a magnificent performance of the difficult part of Swengall, one that stamped him as an actor of the first rank. Miss Keene's Trilby also deserves special mention. The famous song "Ben Bolt" was very prettily rendered in the third act. This is the song that Trilby sings while under the hypnotic influence of Swengall. Watson's theatre was packed last night and there has been a very large advance sale for the remaining performances. "Trilby" will be presented at the theatre Saturday.

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CITIZENS SHOULD REGISTER.

May Qualify For Municipal Election During This Month.

Those who wish to qualify as voters for the forthcoming municipal election may do so by making the necessary declaration at the assessor's office in the city hall during the present month. Formal notice to this effect will be found in the advertisement columns of the Times. It is hoped that citizens will not leave this requirement until the last few days, which is usually the case, and it is also hoped that they will realize the importance of registering in order that there may be a large list this year.

The unfortunate legislation fathered by Mr. Macgowan, of Vancouver, at the last session of parliament will disfranchise quite a battalion of citizens who were formerly able to cast their ballots. It takes away the privilege from all those who do not contribute the sum of two dollars towards the civic revenue in some tax or license fee. As members of the Fifth Regiment are exempt from the payment of the ordinary revenue inasmuch as they cannot vote, unless of course they happen to be property owners.

However, there is a loophole for them if they wish to avail themselves of it. By paying the road tax or dog license voluntarily they can enroll themselves on the voters' list and snap their fingers at the interested element which tinkered with the Municipal Clauses Act. The same applies to ladies, with the exception that the dog license is their only recourse if they do not pay taxes on realty. It would be ungrateful to accuse the fair sex of resorting to a subterfuge to enroll themselves with the elect, but judging by present indications, a large number of dog licenses will be issued before the end of the month.

WANTS INFORMATION.

Aid. Hanna Has Motion Regarding Electric Lighting Plant.

Aid. Hanna is anxious that the city should be in possession of information relative to the installation of an electric lighting system for the city in the event of water being secured from Goldstream. To a Times reporter he said to-day:

"I shall move that the electric lighting superintendent, the city engineer and the building inspector, give the council an approximate estimate of the cost of necessary buildings, plant and distribution system complete, having a capacity of generating 1,000 horse power, said power to be delivered from the Goldstream water supply."

"Mr. object in getting this information," Aid. Hanna continued, "is to give the public a chance to consider the advisability of putting in a lighting plant in case the Goldstream water is obtained in the way the city at present desires, or in case the city should agree to purchase it at a yearly rental, along the lines of the proposition offered by the company."

HIGHLY REGARDED IN THE FAR EAST.

An engineer recently asked the Rev. Dr. Huestis, of the Methodist Book Rooms, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for his opinion about the B. C. Permanent Loan and Savings Company, and received the following reply: "I have known Mr. Langford for years. From what I know of him personally and from what I know of the company and its management, I am convinced that it is a safe place to invest money. I would recommend it without hesitation. Wherever I have enquired I have heard a good report of it. Three years ago, at our general conference, I made special enquiries and, as one minister expressed it, found that they were 'all white men.'"

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